



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

28th March 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the final Diary Dates of the term – next week's publication will be the half-termly Newsletter with an update from all classes.

A small group of Year 6 children enjoyed a day of problem solving at the Gifted Maths event hosted by Preston Primary School. The team enjoyed solving a series of maths challenges, working collaboratively with peers from other schools and did a brilliant job at representing Countess Gytha together!



Year 6 mathematicians
hard at work!

King Arthur Class Trip

King Arthur class enjoyed a trip to the Roman Villa at The Newt. The class started in the museum, looking at the ancient artefacts and ruins of a Roman Bath House before creating a mosaic from tiny pieces of tesserae, learning how to weave

sheep's wool into fabric and unearthing and

reconstructing Roman pots. The class had a fantastic day and were proud to show off their knowledge from all of their topic learning this term!



Darrell Wakelam
working with
Excalibur Class

Topping off a great week in King Arthur, today they had the opportunity to meet local author, Ben Pulletz, who shared his latest book, 'Luna Explores Somerset'. Ben has a very

keen interest in nature and wildlife and wrote his book to help promote this passion. He read extracts to the children, before helping to plant some wildflower seeds, enriching our own school environment!



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Excalibur class enjoyed working with a local artist, Darrell Wakelam, to create a street scene of Pompeii, beneath the slopes of Mount Vesuvius. Working with perspective and colour, the class each had a part to piece together into the finished masterpiece, which now sits proudly on the classroom's wall.



Charles Harrison provides guitar and violin lessons for £10 for 20 minute lesson on Wednesdays in school.



If you are interested, please let the school office know and we can give you his details to sign up.

[A Microsoft Form](#) has been sent out by the school office for all those interested in signing up to enrichment clubs in the summer term. Confirmation of club spaces will be emailed out in due course. As ever, we are keen to encourage any parent volunteers to help broaden our offer – thank you to the wonderful volunteers last term, who led a cross-country club – if you are interested in sharing your passions or talents, please do not hesitate to speak to me! Please remember that there are no enrichment clubs next week as it is the last week of term.



Next week, we are inviting parents to our Easter celebration, at St Barnabas church on Wednesday 2nd April. Children will be making simple Easter bonnets in school, with the choice of wearing these to the church, but families are welcome to make their own super-creative variations this weekend. We hope to begin at 2pm, so any parental guests should be seated by 1.50pm. Children will walk back to school following the celebration. Due to a limited number of additional seating, [please register your interest here](#).



Lancelot DT Project – Ice Cream making

Thank you to all who attended parents' evenings on Monday and Wednesday of this week, your feedback has been shared with staff. If you have missed your appointment, please contact the school office to rearrange it as soon as possible.

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Miss Morris and the Merlin team are delighted to celebrate the following children in reception. Congratulations Eliza, you are Merlin's Star of the Week for being very helpful at keeping the classroom clean and tidy all week – a great help indeed, Eliza! Well done Keira, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week, for having a great attitude to your learning all week – keep up the great work, Keira!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Rupert, who is Pendragon's Star of the Week for his incredible effort during art, always paying great attention to detail – amazing work, Rupert! Well done to November, who has been chosen as Pendragon's Worker of the Week for working very hard in all of their maths work – keep up the great focus, November!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Emily as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for asking some really inquisitive questions during the class trip to The Newt – lovely to hear, Emily! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Harriet, for writing a brilliant acrostic poem about Easter – we can't wait to hear it in church next week, Harriet!

Excalibur – Finley has been awarded the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for showing greater confidence towards his work and more readily sharing answers with the class – keep up the great work, Fin! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is awarded to Olivia, for continuing to work hard and therefore achieving very well in all that she does – always a brilliantly focused attitude, Olivia well done!

Lancelot – The Star in Lancelot class this week is Rothen, for achieving an amazing 100% in his maths arithmetic assessment – congratulations, Rothen! Mr. Gallagher's Worker of the Week is awarded to Ella for always working exceptionally hard in every lesson; for being a great partner in the ice-cream challenge and for being a wonderful role-model in the class and school – amazing to hear so much praise, Ella, well done!

A special mention this week goes to Keria, Jesse, Willow, Koby, Molly S, Harriet A, Phoebe C, Fin, Frayer and Noah T who all joined Mr Gordon for the first tea party – fun and games all round! Well done to all of our cross-country runners, who participated in the final race of the season. Emily, Grace and Ruby have been selected to represent Yeovil in the Inter-Area final – we are extremely proud and wish them the best of luck! Congratulations to Hattie, who has achieved her Level 2 Water Safety certification and also a special mention to her sister, Emelia, who played in a charity hockey match, raising donations for Ukraine – successfully winning all games!



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Countess Gytha Primary
Relationships and Health
Education Feedback - March 2025



The school's Personal, Social and Health Education Policy can be found here.



Countess Gytha School Council

*The School Council would like to thank all those
who bought raffle tickets, we raised £150*



Enrichment Clubs

*Please click on the link below to take you to the Enrichment Club options for
the Summer Term 2025.*



<https://forms.office.com/e/WmfN9XcV7x>


This form closes on Monday 31st March at 9am.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday 	
FRIDAY TUCKSHOP Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p	
Week commencing 31 st March	No Enrichment clubs this week
Monday 31 st March	Deadline to request Enrichment Clubs for Summer Term – see link above to apply.
Tuesday 1 st April	Pendragon Class trip to Haynes Motor Museum. Letter sent home 7.3.25
Tuesday 1 st April	Author, Onjali Rauf visiting Year 3,4,5 & 6
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter Service at St Barnabus Church at 2pm. Please see link above to reserve seating.
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 4 and Year 5 trip to Legoland, Windsor. Arrive in school for 8.15am, coach leaving 8.30am.
Friday 4 th April	Preschool Easter Open Morning – see details above.
Monday 7-18 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday – school closed
Tuesday 22 nd April	Back to School
Tuesday 29 th April	Year 3 Ansford Sports Festival. Letters sent out 10.3.2025
Thursday 1 st May	Deadline for payment for Year 6 Residential
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Week commencing 12 th May	Key Stage 2 Assessment Week (SATs)
Tuesday 13 th May	Pendragon Class and King Arthur Class trip to Westlands to watch Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

Preschool Easter Open Morning

Friday 4th April 2025

9.00am – 10.30am



Please come along and enjoy some fun Easter activities with the children and enjoy a cup of tea and a yummy Easter treat.

We look forward to seeing you

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St Michael's North Cadbury

United service
Vale of Camelot Churches

30th March
10.30 am
Mothering Sunday



*An informal, child-friendly, interactive service
There will be fun activities as well as a quiet space for reflection.*

Commissioning of Christy Casley as an Anna Chaplain

*Everyone is included—families and individuals - all are welcome
Come and enjoy flowers and CAKE!*

SOMERSET NETBALL

NETBALL YOUTH CAMP



**TUES 8TH APRIL 2025
10AM TO 3PM**

Westfield Academy, Stiby Rd,
Yeovil BA21 3EP

8-11 year olds

12-14 year olds

**Cost - £25 per player
(sibling discount available)**



**Book a place today using the link
Johanna.templeman@englandnetball.co.uk**

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#Help4All



Get free support and advice on:



Money - including cost of living, debt, energy costs, jobs, benefits and transport.



Food - find your local food bank, Happy Healthy Holidays, and more.



Home - housing support and advice, including help with your rent or mortgage.



Health and Wellbeing - find local support and toolkits for adults, young people and children.



Domestic abuse - help if you or your family are affected by domestic abuse or violence.



Problems with drugs or alcohol - for young people and adults affected by substance abuse.



Parenting - tools and guides for parents, carers and grandparents.



Scan the QR code or visit:

www.connectsomerset.org.uk/help4all

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FUN-filled, Action-packed Active-Camps

During The

Easter Holidays



Nine Action Packed Days

9:00—3:00pm

£18.00
Per Day

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April 2025 from 9—3

Countess Gytha Primary School, West Camel Road, Queen Camel, Yeovil. BA22 7FF

For more information visit: www.tlesportscoaching.co.uk or call **07951 291471**

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Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session parenting programme
for parents of adolescents aged 10-18

Would you like to learn how to:

- *be better at talking with your teen?*
- *be better at understanding your teen?*
- *help your teen learn to manage their emotions?*
- *help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?*
- *teach your teen to deal with conflict?*

'Tuning in to Teens' shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence.

Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- *are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure*
- *have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers*
- *are more able to cope when upset or angry*
- *have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties*
- *have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults*
- *have greater career success.*
- *Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!*

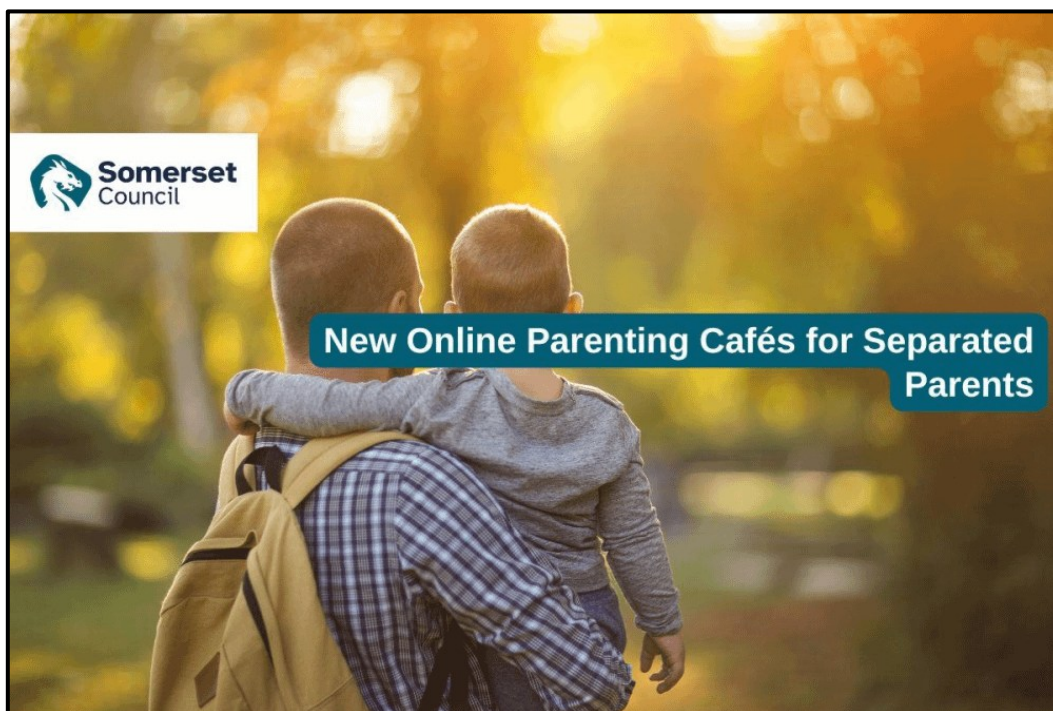
Starting 29th April 9.30am in person. Please contact

rachel.clements@ansford.net to book a place.

Venue TBC (Ansford /Castle Cary area)



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Payment Reminders

King Arthur Class – The Newt

Pendragon and King Arthur Class – BSO Orchestra at Westlands

Excalibur Class and Year 5's in Lancelot Class – Legoland

Year 6 Residential – Land & Wave, Dorset

Balance to be paid by 1st May 2025

Payments to be made via BACS – see school office if details required.

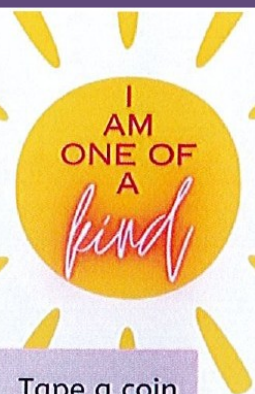
Merlin Class – Puxton Park

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30-DAY

Acts of Kindness Challenge



List all the things you are grateful for	Give 5 people a high five	Make a thank you note for someone special	Paint some rocks with messages of kindness to leave around	Tape a coin to a vending machine
Tell yourself you are kind, brave, smart, strong and loved in the mirror	Make a gift for someone you love	Tell someone how much they mean to you	Hold the door open for someone	Write a positive note with chalk on the footpath
Write a thoughtful card to someone you love	Leave a kind note in a letterbox of somebody you know	Help prepare breakfast, lunch or dinner	Donate some of your items to charity	Offer to do some extra chores
Give hugs to those you love	Help set or clear away the table for a meal	Go for a walk with an adult outside	Come up with your own way to be kind for the day	Be kind to nature, water a plant or plant a seed
List all the things you love about yourself	Hide kind notes around the house for a family member to find	Compliment someone	Encourage somebody by using positive words	Make someone a bookmark
Practise some mindfulness meditation	Pick up some rubbish outside	List all the things you love about your family	Start a conversation at dinner on the ways everyone can be kind for the next day	Create a kindness jar for home and record all the kindness you see others do



Kind





It all starts with...

**ALL STARS
CRICKET**

All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for **5-8 year-olds**

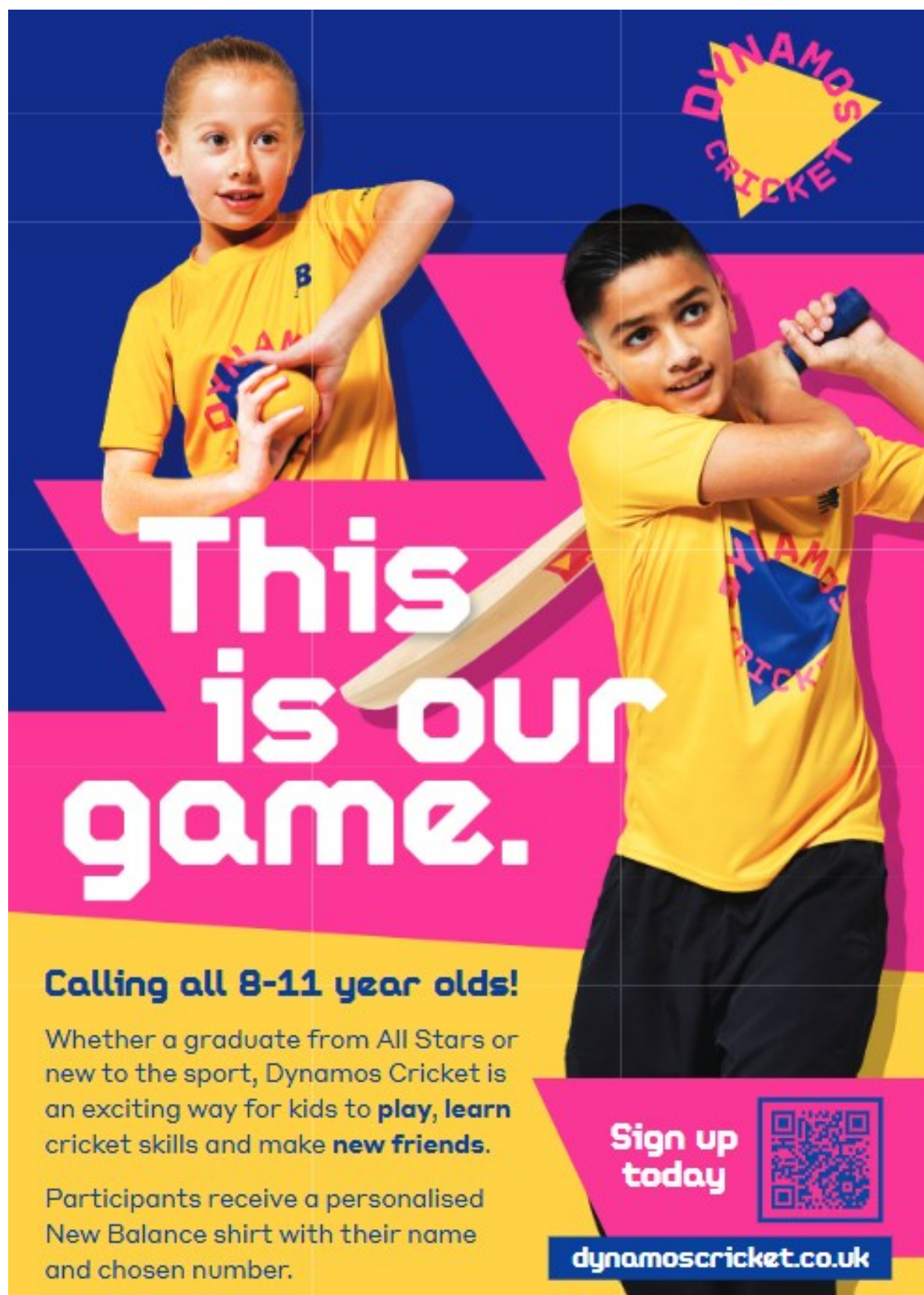
All kids are guaranteed to develop **new skills** while **having fun** and **making friends**

Participants receive a **personalised backpack of goodies** including a bat, ball and t-shirt!

Sign up today at **allstarscricket.co.uk**



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DYNAMOS CRICKET


This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year olds!

Whether a graduate from All Stars or new to the sport, Dynamos Cricket is an exciting way for kids to **play, learn** cricket skills and make **new friends**.

Participants receive a personalised New Balance shirt with their name and chosen number.

Sign up today



dynamoscricicket.co.uk

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EASTER SOCCER SCHOOLS

7 - 11 April
14 - 17 April



ALL APRIL BOOKINGS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW
TO WIN A FREE WEEK OF SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOL



SCAN TO BOOK



HUISH PARK



9:00 - 15:00
After Hours Club
Available to book!

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LEWESTON ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP



SCAN TO BOOK!

4-13 YEARS OLD

NERF GUN BATTLES, SWIMMING, INFLATABLES, LASER TAG,
ARTS & CRAFTS, FOOTBALL, HOCKEY, DODGEBALL & MORE!



PRICES:

STANDARD DAY - £30 (PER CHILD)
EXTENDED DAY - £35 (PER CHILD)

TIMES:

STANDARD - 9:00AM - 3:30PM
EXTENDED - 8:00AM - 5:30PM

2025 Dates:

Monday 7th - Thursday 10th April
Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April

LEWESTON SCHOOL

SHERBORNE
DORSET
DT9 6EN

Booking Link:

<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/04/07/leweston-ultimate-activity-camps-easter-2025>

More Information: ed.doble@primary-sports.co.uk/07903347412



Queen Camel Community Land Trust Ltd. (QCCLT) is carrying out a survey to help inform the updating of their business plan. QCCLT would be very grateful if recipients of this newsletter would kindly complete the individual section of the survey, which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CB2V5ZJ>

As a reminder, the primary purpose of QCCLT is to meet the needs of local residents through the ownership and development of community assets. The updated business plan will set out how we will use the existing assets at the Old School site in Queen Camel and identify new opportunities to hold and manage assets on behalf of the communities within the area of benefit referred to as the doughnut. This will include the possibility of providing more affordable homes, if such a need is identified.

**Queen Camel
Community Land Trust**

[Further details about the history, aims and benefits can be found on the QCCLT website.](#)

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Barclays Big Tennis Weekends

6.1 miles away

3 sessions

Date

Saturday, 12th April 2025

Venue

Yeovil Recreation Centre, Somerset, BA21 4AW

Class type

Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Improver

Spaces Available

Barclays Big Tennis Weekends

Date

Saturday, 12th April - Saturday, 12th April

Total sessions

0

Total Cost

0 sessions

Free

[Book class](#)

Free cancellation up to 24 hours before booking. Please see the policy for full details.

About the class

Don't miss your chance to pick up a racket and play tennis at your local park, club or community centre and try our sport for FREE at an open day near you.



Session times

Class details

Session lead

Venue details

Please choose the sessions you'd like to attend

Junior

No matter what your ability you'll have fun on court with of junior players your age. Coaches will be on hand to offer tips to help your game and advice on how you can continue to play.

☐

Saturday, 12th April 2025

10:00 - 11:00 • 10+ left • Free • Ages 3-11

Adult Coaching

Try our adult coaching taster session. Ideal for people new to the sport or who haven't picked up a racket in a long time. You can borrow our rackets if you don't have your own, just come prepared to hit a few balls and have some fun.

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Saturday, 12th April 2025

Free Play

If you don't fancy a coaching session why not just try out our new facilities. You can book a slot on one of the courts for free!

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Saturday, 12th April 2025

12:00 - 13:00 • 8 left • Free • Ages above 18

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TECH & STEM CAMP

EASTER 2025

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EASTER CAMPS 2025

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on tech fun, iPad creativity, and take-home inventions!

Day 1 (NOT RUNNING ON 23RD APRIL)	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5 (NOT RUNNING ON 18TH APRIL)
9 am drop off				
ROBOT LAB	LEGO Engineering	ELECTRIC CREATIONS	3D CREATIONS	LASER TAG OR VIRTUAL REALITY
COOL CIRCUITS	CRAZY CODING	MOVIE MAKING	MINECRAFT REDSTONE	MINECRAFT MAZE
Take Home Inventions				
Electric	Motorised	Light	Hydraulics	Solar
4 pm pick up				

WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

★★★★★

"The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"

★★★★★

"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

★★★★★

"Fun, engaging, and highly educational - highly recommend!"

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Family Holiday Activities

at Wells Cathedral

Easter Excitement

7, 9, and 11 April 2025

Get ready to celebrate the joy of Easter with our seasonal trail, and crafts to make and take home!

Monday 7: Cross Creations

Collect beads on our Easter crosses trail and make a necklace or keyring

Wednesday 9: Glorious Gardens

Discover the Easter story as you follow our Cathedral map, then make an Easter garden

Friday 11: Card Crafts

Follow our Easter story trail and make a card or decoration

FREE with adult entry.

No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

Sessions in the Education Room / Wells Cathedral

10.30am–3.30pm

There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.



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